

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicant has not amended any claims. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 12-28 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 12-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rasanen, *et al.* (US 7,181,202) in view of Houde (US 6,032,043). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 recites a method for setting up a connection in a system for mobile telecommunications. The method includes the steps of: 1) receiving a call set-up request message comprising an indication of at least two services and an identification of a called party; 2) sending a routing information request message to a database for storing subscriber data, wherein the request comprises an identification of a first of the at least two services, an identification of the called party, and an indication that at least one further routing request message will be sent; 3) receiving a response message from the database; 4) determining that the response message comprises an indication that the database is adapted to process the indication that at least one further routing info request message will be sent; 5) sending a further routing information request message comprising an identification of a further service, and receiving a further response message; 6) analyzing the received response messages; and 7) sending or not in dependence of the result of the analysis a call set-up request message to a further call control node.

The Examiner stated that Rasanen teaches sending a routing information request message to a database for storing subscriber data, wherein the request comprises an identification of a first of the at least two services, an identification of the called party, and an indicating that at least one further routing request message will be sent. The Applicant respectfully disagrees with this characterization. Rasanen does not

teach sending a message providing an indicator that at least one further routing request message will follow. Additionally, Rasanen does not provide any discussion of these messages being sent to the database. Rather, Rasanen merely discloses a user to user perspective rather than any discussion or utilization of the database. Therefore, Rasanen does not teach or suggest several elements of the present invention as recited in claim 1. Additionally, claim 23 and 25 contain similar limitations not taught or suggested by Rasanen.

Common ownership

In addition, the Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection because Houde was commonly owned at the time this invention was made.

Statement of Common Ownership

The present application and United States Patent No. 6,032,043, issued to Houde, were commonly-owned by Telefonaktiebolaget L.M. Ericsson (publ), a corporation of the country of Sweden, at the time of the invention claimed in the present application.

This present application was filed after November 29, 1999. Accordingly, Applicant asserts that the subject matter of Houde is disqualified as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §103(c).

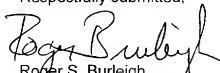
As noted above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the independent claims 1, 23, and 25 include limitations not disclosed in Rasanen. Additionally, Houde is disqualified as prior art. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 12-28.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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